

MINUTES OF W.O.S.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Oct 24, 2016

Present: Elizabeth Buckland, Rajini Rasasingham, Vilma Von Buren, Susan Chen, Paul Dawson, Patrick Hu, Mona Carde, Prashanti Raakulan, Hemantika Mahesh, Alina Zaidi, Suzanne Lang-Doe, Sherri Phillips, Melanie Baird, Michelle Parson, Heather Zhong, Jennifer Smith, Lara Darni

Regrets: Kim Stackaruk, Sat Sangha, John Stieva and Sara Belford

1. **WELCOME** - Elizabeth Buckland and Suzanne Lang-Doe – 7:00 pm

2. **STUDENT REP REPORT** – H. Mahesh and A. Zaidi

- Welcome BBQ was held on Friday, September 23rd.
- Council elections were held at the end of September.
- Council has decided additional charity/cause for their fundraising efforts.

3. **MINUTES** - Susan Chen

Motion to approve September minutes with changes by R. Rasasingham and seconded by Michele Parsons.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - R. Rasasingham

- A \$25 donation to Council for Halton Food for Thought was made on Cashless.
- Council balance is at -\$11,205 due to the theatre feasibility study.

Motion to approve the April statements by Michele Parsons and seconded by R. Rasasingham.

5. **GUEST SPEAKER** – Melanie Baird

- Survey results from 2015 *Tell it From Me* Survey. W.O.S.S. results are compared to the national level.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT** - Elizabeth Buckland and Suzanne Lang-Doe

- Books have arrived in library for Parent resources.
- The *Race to No Where* film was purchased. Next steps are to organize parent council members to review the movie and discuss how and when to show the movie to the public. School will find out if school councillors can volunteer to lead the discussion after viewing.
- 2016 Truth & Reconciliation Grant Proposal/Statement is to be shared among members to better understand the mission and goals of the grant. Prashanti Raakulan will look further into organizing the PRO Grant speaker presentation.
- Sherri Phillips will serve as W.O.S.S. representative to PIC.
- The on-line auction is discussed. Members are to get donations from the public and the community to run the on-line auctions as fundraisers for Council.

7. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** – Paul Dawson, Vice-Principal

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- Hiring of teachers is still ongoing to meet the demand of higher enrollment of students.
- The online Grade 10 OSSLT was taken by students on October 20th. Test has to be cancelled due to system hack and classes on the test day are back to normal.
- Some school field trips are not organized by school but by private companies. Parents need to be aware of this and contact school for clarification if there are any questions.
- Safe School Committee will have a new name. More information will be provided later.
- School is seeking suggestions to improve how to organize Teacher Interview Nights – Council will prepare and send a survey to our Council email list. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers if a conversation is needed for the student.

8. OTHER –

- No Trustee Report
- No Teacher Report

9. PRINCIPAL PLACEMENT 2016-2017

- Discussion deferred to November Council meeting

Motion to adjourn by Mona Garde and seconded by Sherri Phillips at 8:57 pm.

NEXT MEETING November 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm